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Studies of Fossiliferous Amber Arthropods of Chiapas, Mexico. Pt. II. University of California publications in Entomology. 1971, Vol. 63, 106 p. 3 pls.

This is the second collection of papers dealing with the arthropod fauna of the Chiapas amber. Nearly half the volume consists of a paper on spiders by the late Prof. A. Petrunkevitch with other contributions on Acari, Hemiptera, Diptera, Coleoptera and Microcoryphia.

Prof. Petrunkevitch's paper deals with fourteen specimens received too late for inclusion in his 1963 account of spiders from the Chiapas amber. Before the manuscript was complete, Prof. Petrunkevitch died and the task of preparing the paper for publication fell to Harriet Frizzell, who also died before the work was finished. With such an inauspicious gestation it would perhaps be uncharitable to criticise this paper too harshly, but few arachnologists would consider the erection of new genera based on distorted exuviae, particularly when one is from an immature putative linyphiid, a significant contribution to science.

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Svensk Spindelfauna. Families 1-4 (Salticidae, Thomisidae, Philodromidae, Eusparassidae. Albert Tullgren. Originally published in Stockholm, 1944. Facsimile reprint by E. W. Classey Ltd. 1970, 138 p., 18 pls. \$10.80.

This is the first part of a projected monograph on the Spiders of Sweden. Although only two additional parts have actually appeared (dealing with six more families) the series has become accepted as a major contribution to North European arachnology. In particular the numerous illustrations of genitalia are of outstanding quality. Unfortunately, for reasons that are obscure, almost the entire printing of the first part of *Svensk Spindelfauna* was destroyed before distribution and only a very small number of review copies survive. These extremely rare volumes are doubly valuable as they deal with families not adequately covered by existing monographs.

This reprint is well produced and bound in hard covers. Although the illustrations do not equal the original in softness and clarity, they are still good and completely usable. The publisher is to be congratulated for making this work available once more to the arachnological community.

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